The Center to Protect Workers' Rights'





THE CENTER TO PROTECT WORKERS RIGHTS



- 501(c) (3) not-for-profit safety and health research and training arm of the BCTD;
- Largest safety and health operation in the labor movement
- Largest construction safety and health research and training organization in the U.S.
- Over 40 full-time staff conducting research and managing training.



CPWR's funding

- CPWR is funded almost entirely through Federal grant programs
- CPWR has an annual operating budget of approximately \$15 million
- CPWR's program consists of 3 major components
 - Research (NIOSH)
 - Training (NEHSHEPA & DOE) . .
 - Medical screening programs (DOE)



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OPWR

NIOSH

CPWR Affiliated Unions

CONSTRUCTION WORKFORCE



- Asbestos Workers & Insulators
- Boilermakers
- Bricklayers
- Carpenters & Joiners
- Plasterers & Cement Masons
- Electrical Workers
- Iron Workers
- Painters
- Plumbers & Pipe Fitters
- Roofers
- Sheet Metal Workers

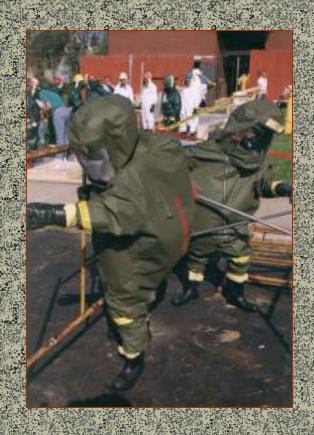


| COURSE TYPE | HOURS |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Hazardous Waste Worker | 40 hours |
| Hazardous W. Worker Refresher | 8 hours |
| Confined Space | ,16 hours; |
| Asbestos Worker | 32 hours |
| Asbestos Contractor / Supervisor | 40 hours |
| Asbestos Refresher | 8 hours |
| Lead Worker | 32 hours |
| Lead Contractor / Supervisor, | 40 hours, |
| Lead Refresher | 8 hours |
| MSDS Hazard Communication | 8 hours |
| OSHA Const. Train-the-Trainer. | '40 hours' |
| OSHA Gen Ind. Train the Trainer | 40.hours |
| OSHA Gen: Const. Safety Training | 10 hours |
| OSHA Gen. Ind. Safety Training | 10 hours |



CPWR's activities with DOE

- Training in 2003
 - 399 courses nationwide
 - =5,536 workers trained
 - 59,200 contact hours
- Developing Curriculum
- Training Instructors





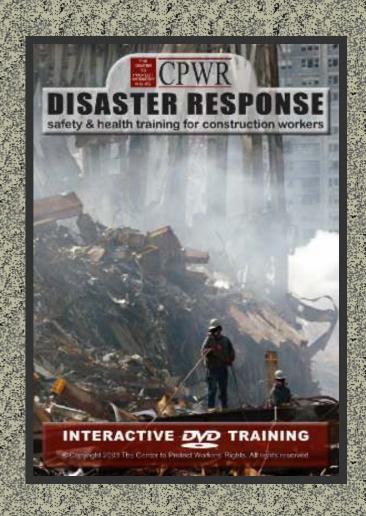
Training construction workers

- Athamweir
 - Active workforce
- Near DOE facilities
 - Active workforce
 - Former / future workforce
- Outside the DOE
 - Curriculum extends to the Building Trades



Disaster Response Training

- New training initiative based on lessons learned from 9/11
- Incorporates
 tessons learned
 from DOE





Medical Screening Programs

- For BCT workers exposed to hazards during past work at DOE sites
- Programs include
 - **Hanford**
 - Oek Ridge 』 /
 - Savannah River
 - **IPortsmouth**
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Medical Screening Programs

- Notices have been sent to 65,000+ workers, 8,500 were contacted
- In-depth interviews have been a conducted
- 7,500 have completed screening



Medical Screening Programs Findings:

- Most workers believe their work at DOE has resulted in harmful health effects
- 1/2 of workers examined have x-ray a evidence of lung damage
- Beryllium exposure has been identified by this program
- Large number of workers have serious medical problems, 420 cases of cancer, 40 of thyroid disease



Silicosis Screening Program

- In cooperation with the University of Cincinnati
- For current and former workers at Yucca Mountain Project in Nevada
- To protect workers involved in tunneling and underground operations & at Exploratory Studies Facility from 1992 to present



EEOICPA

- CPWR has offered to help DOE with the compensation plan, unsuccessfully
- CPWR can produce employment evidence for construction workers
- DOE has not be able to locate employment records
- CPWR uses union dispatch records, pension fund records, other union records.



DOL

OPWR is currently working with DOL to help provide evidence of employment for construction workers, under subpart B of EEOICPA